

IN THE CLAIMS

The following claim set replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 (original). An inhaler for delivering medicament by inhalation, comprising:
a housing for holding a canister of medicament having a body and a valve stem compressible together to actuate the canister to deliver a dose of medicament from the valve stem;
an actuation mechanism for compressing the canister,
a cannister re-set mechanism comprising a locking element for locking the canister in a compressed state and a release member resiliently biased by the actuation mechanism on compression of the canister to release the locking mechanism to allow reset of the canister.

2 (original). An inhaler according to claim 1, wherein the cannister reset mechanism further comprises a damping element for damping movement of the release member to delay the action of the resilient biasing to release the locking element a predetermined period of time after actuation of the canister.

3 (original). An inhaler according to claim 2, wherein the damping element comprises a rotor disposed in a viscous fluid and driven by movement of the release member.

4 (currently amended). An inhaler according to claim 2 or 3, wherein said predetermined period of time is between 100 and 5000 ins.

5 (currently amended). An inhaler according to any one of the preceding claims claim 1, wherein the locking element is a knee joint having a locked position for holding the canister in a compressed state and the release member engages the knee joint to break the knee joint into a broken position for releasing the canister.

6 (currently amended). An inhaler according to any one of the preceding claims claim 1, wherein the actuation mechanism comprises:

a pre-loading mechanism for loading a resilient loading element with an actuation force using a loading member coupled to the resilient loading member and movable from a first position where the resilient loading element is relaxed to a second position where the resilient loading element is loaded, the resilient loading element being arranged when loaded to bias compression of the canister, and

a triggering mechanism arranged to hold the resilient loading element against compression of the canister and to release the resilient loading element to allow compression of the canister.

7 (original). An inhaler according to claim 6, wherein the locking element is arranged to lock the loading member in its second position for locking the canister in its compressed state after release of the triggering mechanism.

8 (currently amended). An inhaler according to claim 6 or 7, wherein the pre-loading mechanism further comprises a canister engagement member biased by the resilient loading element when loaded to compress the canister, the triggering mechanism engaging the canister engagement member to hold and release the stored actuation force, wherein the release member is resiliently biased by a resilient biasing element acting between the canister engagement member and the release member.

9 (original). An inhaler according to claim 8, wherein the canister engagement member is a pivotable lever biased by the resilient loading element at a position further away from the pivot of the lever than the portion of the lever engaging the canister.